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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 22, 2018** Rule 424(b)(2)

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Pricing Supplement dated January , 2018

(To Prospectus dated January 30, 2017 and

Prospectus Supplement dated January 30, 2017)

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON CORPORATION

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Senior Medium-Term Notes Series J

(U.S. \$ Fixed Rate)

\$ % Senior Notes Due 20

Trade Date: January , 2018

Original Issue Date: January , 2018

Principal Amount: \$

Net Proceeds (Before Expenses) to Issuer: \$

Price to Public: % plus accrued interest, if any, from January , 2018

Commission/Discount: %

Agent's Capacity:       x       Principal Basis                      Agency Basis

Maturity Date: January , 20

Interest Payment Dates: Semi-annually on the th day of January and July of each year, commencing July , 2018 and ending on the Maturity Date (or the next business day, if an Interest Payment Date falls on a non-business day; the

amount of interest payable will not be adjusted for such postponement)

Interest Rate:    % per annum

Redemption Commencement Date:                   , 20

Redemption Price: 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed

Optional Redemption: Redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the issuer on or after the Redemption Commencement Date at the Redemption Price, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption on written notice given to the registered holders of the Notes not less than 10 nor more than 60 calendar days prior to the date of redemption

***The Notes are not bank deposits and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, a bank.***

Form:                   x    Book Entry  
                                  Certificated

Redemption:           The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to maturity  
                                  x    The Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity

Repayment:           x    The Notes cannot be repaid prior to maturity  
                                  The Notes can be repaid prior to maturity at the option of the holder of the Notes

Discount Note:       Yes   x   No

**Defeasance:** The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture described under Description of Debt Securities Debt Securities Issued by the Company under the Senior Indenture or the Senior Subordinated Indenture Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance in the Prospectus will apply to the Notes.

**United States Federal Income Tax Consequences:** The Company believes that the Notes should not be treated as issued with original issue discount for United States federal income tax purposes. See the discussion in the prospectus supplement under United States Federal Income Tax Consequences for a discussion of the United States federal income tax consequences of investing in the Notes.

**Certain Benefit Plan Investor Considerations:** Each purchaser of the Notes in this offering that is a Plan will be deemed to make the representations in the following paragraph. For this purpose, a Plan is (i) any employee benefit plan subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ( *ERISA* ), (ii) any individual retirement account (an *IRA* ) and other arrangements subject to Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the *Code* ), and (iii) any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets within the meaning of ERISA by reason of the investments by such plans or accounts therein.

Each holder of the Notes or any interest therein that is a Plan and that acquires Notes in connection with this offering will be deemed to have represented by its purchase and holding of the Notes that a fiduciary (the *Fiduciary* ) independent of the Issuer, the Agents, or any of their affiliates (the *Transaction Parties* ) acting on the Plan's behalf is responsible for the Plan's decision to acquire and hold the Notes in this offering and that such Fiduciary:

(i) is either a U.S. bank, a U.S. insurance carrier, a U.S. registered investment adviser, a U.S. registered broker-dealer or an independent fiduciary with at least \$50 million of assets under management or control, in each case under the requirements specified in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-21(c)(1)(i), as amended from time to time,

(ii) in the case of a Plan that is an IRA, is not the IRA owner, beneficiary of the IRA or relative of the IRA owner or beneficiary,

(iii) is capable of evaluating investment risks independently, both in general and with regard to the prospective investment in the Notes,

(iv) is a fiduciary under ERISA or the Code, or both, with respect to the decision to acquire the Notes,

(v) has exercised independent judgment in evaluating whether to invest the assets of the Plan in the Notes,

(vi) understands and has been fairly informed of the existence and the nature of the financial interests of the Transaction Parties in connection with the Plan's acquisition or holding of the Notes,

(vii) understands that the Transaction Parties are not undertaking to provide impartial investment advice, or to give advice in a fiduciary capacity to the Plan, in connection with the Plan's acquisition or holding of the Notes, and

(viii) confirms that no fee or other compensation will be paid directly to any of the Transaction Parties by the Plan, or any fiduciary, participant or beneficiary of the Plan, for the provision of investment advice (as opposed to other services) in connection with the Plan's acquisition or holding of the Notes.

**PRIIPs Regulation / Prospectus Directive / Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors:** The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ( *EEA* ). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as

amended, *MiFID II* ); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC (as amended, the *Insurance Mediation Directive* ), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, the *Prospectus Directive* ). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the *PRIIPs Regulation* ) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation. This pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement have been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the EEA will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Notes. This pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement is not a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive.

This selling restriction is in addition to any other selling restrictions set out in the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement.

**Plan of Distribution:** The Notes described herein are being purchased, severally and not jointly, by the agents named in the below table (the *Agents* ), each as principal, on the terms and conditions described in the prospectus supplement under the caption *Plan of Distribution of Medium-Term Notes (Conflicts of Interest)*.

| <b>Agent</b>                    | <b>Aggregate Principal Amount<br/>of Notes to be Purchased</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc.   | \$                                                             |
| Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC         | \$                                                             |
| J.P. Morgan Securities LLC      | \$                                                             |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC        | \$                                                             |
| BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC | \$                                                             |
| Total:                          | \$                                                             |

The Agents expect to deliver the Notes in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company against payment in New York, New York on or about the fifth business day following the date of this pricing supplement, or T+5. Trades of securities in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, referred to as T+2, unless the parties to a trade agree otherwise. Accordingly, by virtue of the fact that the initial delivery of the Notes will not be made on a T+2 basis, investors who wish to trade the Notes before a final settlement will be required to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement.

The prospectus, prospectus supplement and this pricing supplement may be used by the Company, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC and any other affiliate controlled by the Company in connection with offers and sales relating to the initial sales of securities and any market-making transaction involving the securities after the initial sale. These transactions may be executed at negotiated prices that are related to market prices at the time of purchase or sale, or at other prices. The Company and its affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions.

The Agents and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the Agents and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and investment banking services for the Company, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

We estimate that we will pay approximately \$        for expenses, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Agents and their respective affiliates have made or held, and may in the future make or hold, a broad array of investments including serving as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements, and may have actively traded, and, in the future may actively trade, debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities), and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may have in the past and at any time in the future hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may have involved, and in the future may involve, securities and instruments of the Company.